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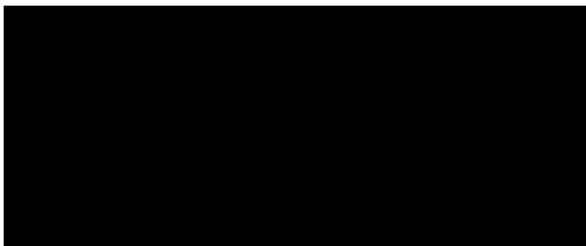
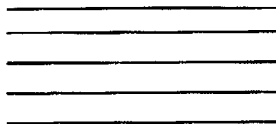


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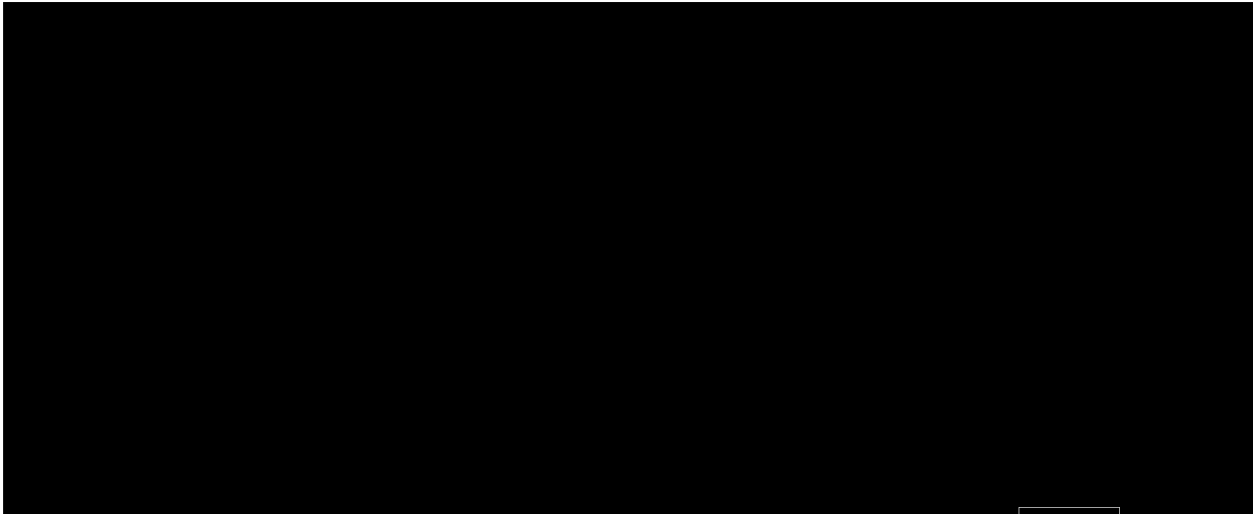
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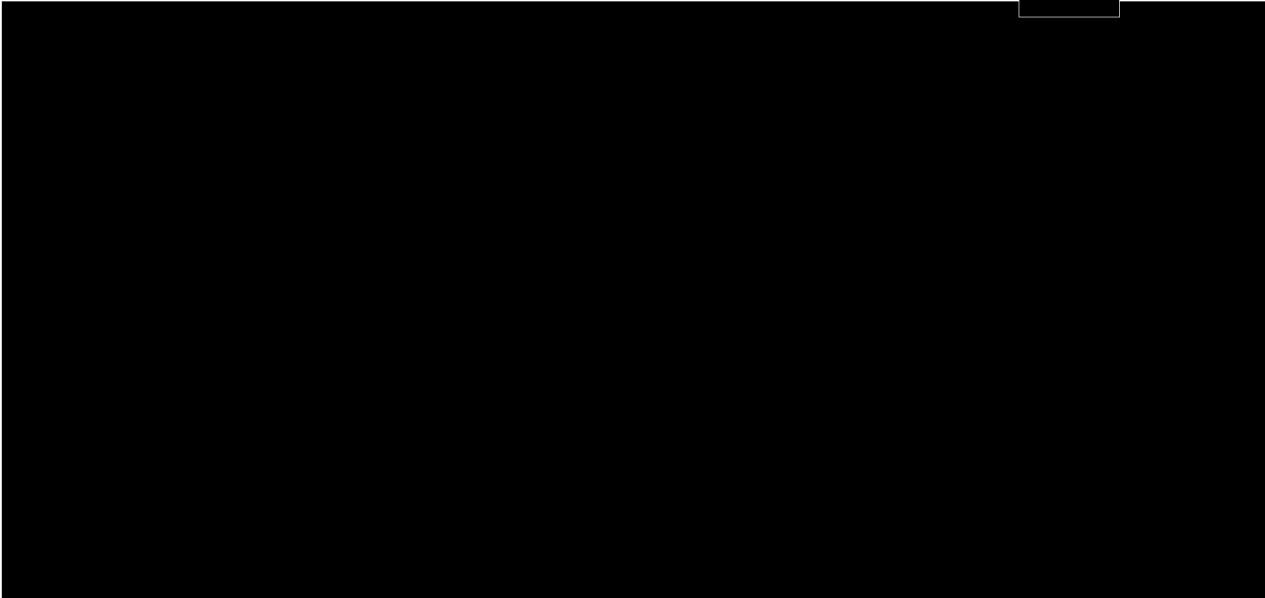
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## *Current Notes*

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#### Lebanon: Planning To Prosecute Shaykh for Bombing [REDACTED]

Lebanon's highest court last week announced it intends to try ousted former Hizballah leader Tufayli for the deaths of two Lebanese soldiers—killed in a recent shootout with Tufayli followers—as well as for crimes he committed during the civil war, including the bombing of the US Marine Corps barracks in 1983. Two weeks after the shootout Tufayli remains at large.

— [REDACTED] Tufayli and several hundred supporters are hiding in the mountains near the Syrian border.

— The Lebanese Armed Forces have blocked all road access to the area but are awaiting political authorization before moving to try to capture him. [REDACTED]

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— By prosecuting Tufayli for his past crimes, such as the Marine barracks bombing, Lebanese Prime Minister Hariri would be demonstrating to the US that he is trying to follow through on bilateral security commitments [REDACTED]

Hizballah, Iran, Syria, and many Lebanese officials are likely to support quietly removing Tufayli from Lebanon because he could implicate them in a variety of illegal activities, including terrorist operations against Americans. Tufayli's disappearance would help eliminate domestic criticism of Hizballah and strengthen the group's influence in the Lebanese Government. [REDACTED]